

## CAPITOL COMMISSION [2499]

### BONDS AND CONTRACTS, 1909-1917

0.5 cu. ft. and 1 microfilm reel

**DESCRIPTION:** The Legislature of 1909 enacted four Capitol Building bills which were approved by the governor on the 11th day of March 1909. One of these bills, designated Chapter 64 of the Laws of Utah, created a Capitol Commission consisting of seven members including: the Governor, the Secretary of State, the Attorney General, and four members to be appointed by the Governor. The other three bills, Chapters 65, 66, and 67, provided for funds to meet the cost of the building not to exceed \$2,500,000.00. Members of the commission included Governor William Spry, Secretary of State C.S. Tingey, Attorney General A.R. Barnes, John Dern, C.E. Loose, M.S. Browning, and Henry Smith. The Commission was ". . . authorized, empowered and directed to cause a suitable design, together with plans and Specifications . . . to be prepared for the erection of a State Capitol upon the Capitol grounds in Salt Lake City" ( Laws of Utah, 1909,Chapter 64, Section 4).

This series contains Bonds, Contracts, and Agreements issued by the Capitol Commission including contracts for furnishings, heating, lighting, fire proofing, decorative work such as painting and sculpture, flooring, and marble work. This material is valuable to researchers as it documents building costs such as materials and labor, insurance and bonding practices at the beginning of the twentieth century, the value of furnishings, and contractual agreements between general contractors and subcontractors.

The original contract for construction of the capitol was awarded to James Stewart and Company of Salt Lake City and can be found within this collection. Ground breaking ceremonies were held December 26, 1912 with construction commencing April 18, 1913. The cornerstone was laid by Governor William Spry on April 4, 1914.

**ARRANGEMENT:** Alphabetical by subject and thereunder chronological.

**RELATED RECORDS:** CORRESPONDENCE, Series #1132, contains related correspondence between the individual contractors, capitol architect, Capitol Commission, state and local government, and interested citizens addressing the process of awarding contracts. BIDS, Series #11271, includes the individual bids submitted by these contractors as well as those submitted by competitors. RECORDS, Series #11272, hold related information and agreements with the Architects Commission, the Building and Grounds Superintendent, Capitol Commission Secretaryship, and James Stewart and Company. The above individuals, and many others, are mentioned within this series. NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS, Series #11273, contains numerous articles addressing the bidding process, the competition for a capitol architect, the awarding of important contracts and bonds, and information on the utilization of Utah labor and raw materials.

**PROCESSING NOTE:** This series was transferred to the Utah State Archives in 1958 and processed by Kenneth R. Williams, December 1992. Acidic documents have been removed and replaced with xerox copies on acid free paper. This series also contains some photographs and blueprints placed in protective sleeves and photograph folders. The entire series was microfilmed in 1993.

#### **CONTAINER LIST**

<b>Reel</b>	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Description</b>
1	1	1	Asbesticite Flooring with Jensen and Bird Inc.
1	1	2	Clock System with F.C. Richmond.
1	1	3	Capitol Building with James Stewart and Co., 1913.
1	1	4	Capitol Building with James Stewart and Co., 1913 cont.
1	1	5	Electric Elevator with Otis Elevator Inc.
1	1	6	Excavation with P.J. Moran.
1	1	7	Excavation with Utah Construction Co.
1	1	8	Filing Devices and Vaults with General Fire Proofing.
1	1	9	Furnishings with Phillip Dern.
1	1	10	Furnishings with Newton and Hoit Inc., [1914]
1	1	11	Furnishings with Newton and Hoit Inc., [1914 cont.]
1	1	12	Furniture with Henry Dinwoody, 1914.
1	1	13	Furniture with Henry Dinwoody, 1914-1915.

<b>Reel</b>	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Description</b>
1	1	14	Furniture with Wollager Manufacturing, 1914.
1	1	15	Furniture with Wollager Manufacturing, 1914 cont.
1	1	16	Furniture with Wollager Manufacturing, 1914 cont.
1	1	17	Furniture with Wollager Manufacturing, 1915.
1	1	18	Grading of Fourth North Street with Salt Lake City.
1	1	19	Group Portrait of the Capitol Commission with John Clawson.
1	1	20	Hardware with George A. Lowe.
1	1	21	Heating Guarantee with C.A. Dunham.
1	1	22	Heating Plant with National Regulator Co.
1	1	23	Indirect Lighting with Eardly Brothers.
1	1	24	Indirect Lighting with Intermountain Electric.
1	1	25	Indirect Lighting with Mitchell and Vance.
1	1	26	Lion Sculptures with G.H. Jack.
1	2	1	Marble Work, miscellaneous inquiries, 1914.
1	2	2	Marble Work, miscellaneous inquiries, 1914-1915.
1	2	3	Miscellaneous Labor with W.L. Wetherbee.
1	2	4	Pipe Covering with John Manville.
1	2	5	Power Facilities with Salt Lake Electric Supply.
1	2	6	Rugs and Carpets with Co-op Furniture.
1	2	7	Steel Equipment with Art Metal Construction, [1911].
1	2	8	Steel Equipment with Art Metal Construction, 1915.
1	2	9	Steps and Sidewalks with Carl F. Buehner.
1	2	10	Window Screens with E.T. Burrows.
1	2	11	Vacuum cleaners with Capitol Electric.